received by this Department from various sources and documents, the prices fixed for various scheduled formulations under DPCO are not being observed by the formulators concerned, in a number of cases. In this connection I reproduce some provisions of DPCO, 1987 which are relevant to the matter being raised in this letter:—

"16(3) Every manufacturer or importer shall give effect to the price of a bulk drug or formulation, as the case may be, as fixed by the Government from time to time, within fifteen days from the receipt by such manufacturer or importer of the communication in this behalf from the Government and issue a supplementary price list in this regard to the dealers, State Drug Controllers and the Government and indicate necessary reference to such price fixation."

"24. xx xx xx

Provided that pending a decision by the Government on the application submitted under the above paragraph, no manufacturer, importer or distributor as the case may be, shall sell a bulk drug or formulation as the case may be, at a price exceeding the price fixed by the Government, of which a review has been applied for."

"15. POWER TO RECOVER DUES—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order, the Government may, if it considers necessary, by notice, require the manufacturers, importers or distributors, as the case may be, to deposit the amount accrued due to charging of prices higher than those fixed or notified by the Government as per the provisions of this order."

"26. PENALTIES—Any contravention of any of the provisions of this order shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1055)."

2. In the above background, it is requested that the contents of this letter be brought to the notice of the members of your Association and it may please be impressed upon them to ensure compliance with the provisions of DPCO and in particular the prices fixed by the Government and do not make themselves liable to penal actions since the prices fixed by the Government become effective within 15 days of the receipt of Government's Price Fixation Order.

3. I also wish to inform you that we are taking steps to expedite the disposal of review cases so that the legitimate grievances of the Company concerned are taken care of, but, as stated above, this is without prejudice to their obligation for implementing the prices from the due date.

4. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged and the action taken in this regard intimated to this Department at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

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Appointment of Committee on D.A. for public enterprises

@1643-A. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government appointed a Committee headed by Shri R. B. Mishra to go into dearness allowance system in the public sector enterprises some time back;

(b) whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features of the report, and action taken thereon?

@Previously Unstarred Question 1040 transferred from the 4th May, 1989.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) A Tripartite D.A. Committee to review the existing industrial DA formula has been appointed by the Government under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Labour.

(b) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988, to Unstarred Question 2067, regarding sale of the products of M/s. Infar.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Statement by Minister correcting answer to a question.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, every day this is happening.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Everyday the Minister is coming forward to correct the answer. What is this? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You should be happy that answers are being corrected instead of your complaining against wrong answers.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: We are very unhappy that wrong answers are being given first.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan) Every day this is happening.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: There must be a prior notice. (*Interruptions*) He is giving wrong answers in reply to questions. He is holding the House to ransom. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please, let him correct now at least. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): He is incorrigible. You cannot correct.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Madam, the Members are very uncharitable. They should know: to err is human... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): Madam, this is a Government of mistakes, although it comes out with corrections.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, Mr. Subramanian Swamy. It is improper. Please sit down.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I only...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. You can not. I have identified him and he is speaking.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I only want to wish you a happy Id Mubarak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Every day you get up on some point of order, which is actually disorder, I never knew that you were wishing. Thank you very much. I wish the same to you.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988, to Unstarred Question 2067, regarding sale of products of M/s. Infra. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7851].

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your greeting reminded me the story of the *Gadaria* (Sheep-wala), who every day used to make a noise that the wolf had come and the day the wolf came no one saved him. So, with the same thing in mind I reacted, because I thought it will be same every day mention which you do in the House.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Id has got nothing to do with wolf. It has got to do with *Bakries*.